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Attached are copies of three Japanese-language publications considered relevant to the subject application together with English-language Abstracts. The publications are listed on an enclosed PTO Form 1449.

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